



AO Simplification: Proposers Lessons Learned Workshop

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This is your AO



This is your AO Encrusted

Any Questions?



Objectives

- **Simplify** the proposal process to the extent possible to eliminate any unnecessary rules/requirements in the AO, and streamline the way that scientific and technical information is provided to NASA.
- **Reduce** or eliminate the amount of work that the proposing team has to do over and above what they would have to do anyway to have a credible response.
- **Revise** the AO/evaluation/selection process, as required, to reduce overall burden to the proposing community, the reviewing community, and NASA while maintaining or improving the present quality.



Constraints

The proposal process must still yield the following

- NASA must be able to readily evaluate the science merit of proposed missions (through science peer review) to guide selection.
 - NASA wants to select the most scientifically compelling missions.
- NASA must be able to readily evaluate the feasibility of proposed missions (through TMC review) to guide selection.
 - NASA wants to select missions that can be developed within the technical, cost, and schedule constraints.
- Mission teams, when selected, must be fully prepared to successfully conduct Phase A mission concept studies.
 - NASA wants to shorten the selection and downselection process as much as possible.



Methodology

- Concentrate first on PI-led mission AOs.
- Assemble internal working group to formulate recommendations and assess impacts.
 - NASA HQ/SMD: Paul Hertz (co-chair), Lisa May, Michael New
 - NASA LaRC/SSO: Brad Perry (co-chair), Jay Bergstrahl, Cindy Bruno, Wayne Richie
- Solicit community feedback and input.
- Develop recommendations and standard AO.
- Present report and recommendations to SMD Science Management Council and Associate Administrator Stern for decision.
 - First impact is planned for New Frontiers AO in summer 2008.
 - Will consider revising SALMON AO to incorporate results.



Agenda

Thursday, February 28, 2008

9:00 am	Welcome and introduction	Paul Hertz
9:15 am	Overview of AO Programs	Michael New
9:30 am	Outline of Current AO	Brad Perry
10:00 am	BREAK	
10:30 am	Presentation of "Quick List"	Paul Hertz
11:00 am	Initial responses to "Quick List"	Participants
12:00 noon	BUFFET LUNCH (\$12 at on-site registration)	
1:00 pm	Requirements: Perceptions & Reality	
2:30 pm	Technical Data: How much is too much?	
3:15 pm	BREAK	
3:45 pm	Cost & Schedule Data: How much is needed?	
4:15 pm	Letters of Commitment & Foreign Support	
4:45 pm	Other topics generated by participants	
6:00 pm	ADJOURN	

Friday, February 29, 2008

9:00 am	Discussion of AO Process: Beyond the proposal	
10:00 am	General Discussion including documenting workshop output	6
12:00 noon	ADJOURN // BOX LUNCH available to take with you (\$12)	



Logistics
